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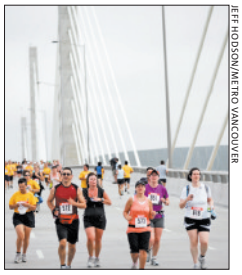
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Runners cross the Golden Ears Bridge yesterday morning.

More than 50,000 feel Golden Ears under their feet

OPENING A Langley man believes he was the first of more than 50,000 people to cross the Golden Ears Bridge yesterday morning.

Don Garriott woke up at 4:30 a.m. and, after his coffee and toast, trekked onto the bridge in his running attire.

Garriott was one of 500 people who participated in a 7K run across the bridge during an opening celebration that included a performance by Maple Ridge-born country singer Rick Tippe.

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ANDREA WOO
for Metro Vancouver

Metro looks at five people doing tremendous work within our community.

1 MARRETT GREEN

When asked why he started his charity, the Canadian Flowers for Food Society, Marrett Green doesn't hesitate: "Because I could."

Now in its fourth year, the CFFS collects flowers from various donors and provides them to the homeless, recovering addicts and otherwise marginalized populations to sell and generate immediate income for food, toiletries and other necessities.

"When you notice somebody drowning and you have a life-preserver you can throw at them, you throw it," said Green.

Donors such as Capers Whole Foods Market and Make Scents Flower Distributors set aside flora discards — flowers that are perhaps too short or lacking a few petals — for volunteers to pick up and deliver to various community centres. From there, clients — between 50 and 100 to date — pick them up and sell them.

In four years, TJ, the CFFS's first client, went from living in a cardboard box to a tent, to an SRO and finally low-income housing at Granville Residence, where he now proudly invites Green to come see his television and microwave.

While CFFS has built many community links by focusing on a common goal, it still relies heavily on volunteers to keep the gears turning.

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Marrett Green, founder of the Canadian Flowers for Food Society.

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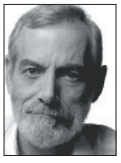
"We have the infrastructure in place," said Green. "The only thing that's missing, really, are drivers for two days and deliverers for the flowers."

2 KEN LYOTIER


Lyotier

As the founder of recycling depot United We Can, former binner Ken Lyotier created work for some of Vancouver's "hardest to hire" while promoting recycling and environmentalism. While Lyotier retired last year, he remains actively involved in the organization, said new executive director Brian Dodd.

3 PAULA JARDINE

As the founding artistic director of the Public Dreams Society, Paula Jardine has spearheaded many community-based performances and celebrations. Perhaps most notable are the Parade of the Lost Souls and Illuminares Evening Lantern Procession, which each bring together thousands of artists, volunteers and spectators in East Vancouver every year.

Jardine

4 MIKE JOBIN

Since becoming an outreach worker for the Union Gospel Mission seven years ago, former drug user Mike Jobin has gotten countless people off the streets with his empathetic but no-nonsense attitude. "I can't count how many people say they got into recovery or wherever they are because of Mikey," said Keela Keeping of the UGM.

Jobin

5 CAROLINE MACGILLIVRAY

While volunteering at a drop-in centre for sex-trade workers years ago, Caroline MacGillivray offered to style a client's hair and do her nails. Seeing how happy it made the client spawned the idea for Beauty Night, which has given more than 8,000 makeovers to disadvantaged women in Vancouver, Victoria and Toronto since she founded it in 2001.

MacGillivray

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Grant helps boost theatre program
A $50,000 grant has breathed life back into Stanley Park's Theatre Under The Stars, which had to cancel most of its 2006 season for financial reasons. Performances of Annie and Thoroughly Modern Millie start July 10 at the Malkin Bowl. NEWS1130.COM

Local

Ducks helped out of pipes

Several ducklings were stuck in a drainage pipe in Surrey's Holland Park as their worried mother waited nearby. The B.C. SPCA, firefighters and city engineers worked yesterday to find a way to get the birds out. NEWS1130.COM

Hundreds battle for street hockey title

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COMPETITION It was part competitiveness, part nostalgia that drew some of the 1,750 participants of this year's PlayOn! ball hockey tournament to the streets of downtown Vancouver on the weekend.

More than 320 teams were pitted against each other for North America's biggest two-day, four-on-four street hockey competition.

"It brings you back to the old days of being a kid playing in the back alleys," said Jesse Dhaliwal, from Surrey, who was playing for the Titans.

"You just don't have to worry about moving the net every time (a car comes)."

Dhaliwal said instead of playing against each other once a week in a gym, his friends wanted to see how they "sized up against other teams."

"You're not sure what to expect from the teams … and from game to game. You're playing (people) of all different calibres."

Trevor Feddersen, who was part of team Gang Green, came to Vancouver from Kelowna for the tournament.

"It's a good guys' getaway weekend," he said. "We don't usually play competitively, it's always just as friends together."

The tournament was held on 25 street rinks on seven blocks between GM Place and Chinatown.

Mayor Gregor Robertson shows off his hockey skills.

National tourney

- The winning team from this weekend's event advances to a national tournament to play the winners of other Canadian cities.

News in brief

SHOOTING A Surrey home was the target of a drive-by shooting early yesterday morning. No one was hurt when the home, near 127th Street and 67th Avenue, was hit. Police say investigators found 11 shell casings nearby.

COURTS The B.C. Court of Appeal has overturned the conviction of a woman sentenced to life in prison for her role in the beating death of a teenager outside a SkyTrain station.

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JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

A performance by capoeira group Ache Brasil is shutdown yesterday because of a human traffic jam during opening celebrations on the Golden Ears Bridge.

Huge crowds force bridge shutdown

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The yet-to-open $800-million Golden Ears Bridge suffered its first traffic jam yesterday.

More than 50,000 sightseers clogged the bridge during a fun, but chaotic celebration that saw a woman go into labour minutes before the official ribbon cutting.

TransLink had expected 20,000 to 30,000 people for the family-oriented pedestrian-only party. Actual attendance was at least double that.

Premier Gordon Campbell, who took part in a ribbon-cutting ceremony, called the turnout "phenomenal."

At one point, RCMP closed the bridge to newcomers as pedestrians literally came to a standstill as they tried to squeeze past the main stage.

Mounties, many of whom were wearing red serge for the occasion, also shut down a main-stage capoeira performance by Ache Brasil in an attempt to get foot traffic moving.

Then, moments before the official speeches and ribbon cutting, a pregnant woman was escorted past the security barrier. Minutes later a pair of fire-rescue vehicles with sirens blaring parted the sea of people.

TransLink spokesman Ken Hardie confirmed later that the woman had gone into labour and was taken to hospital.

At the north end of the bridge, an auxiliary Mountie told reporters that a man was also taken to hospital with heart attack-like symptoms.

Golden Ears Bridge

- The bridge, which took 3½ years to construct, opens in time for tomorrow morning's rush hour.
- The bridge is tolled, but will be free to drive for the first month.

Search for missing man suspended

BIKE Police have suspended the search for a missing Vancouver man whose bicycle and helmet were found locked to a tree on Mount Seymour.

More than 40 people — including police, kayakers and volunteers — combed the woods near Seymour Heights for signs of Daniel Hughs, 29, who was reported missing on June 5, after he failed to return from a bike ride.

"If further specific information is provided or evidence is found then a specific search for Mr. Hughes may be reinitiated," said Vancouver Police. Const. Lindsey Houghton.

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What's online today.

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Montrealer makes claim against border officers

Sylvie Ménard, a Montreal woman, has filed a complaint against the Canada Border Services Agency after she says border agents forced her to strip to see if she had a tattoo on her buttocks after associating her with an accused criminal. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

Endeavour launch postponed

The planned Saturday launch of space shuttle Endeavour, set to carry seven astronauts including Canadian Julie Payette, left, was postponed because of a hydrogen leak — delaying a possible flight until Wednesday at the earliest. The leak was discovered while the space shuttle was being fuelled. REUTERS

Feds name adviser for Aglukkaq

ISOTOPES The federal government is putting a public face on the shortage of medical isotopes sparked by the shutdown of the aging nuclear reactor at Chalk River, Ont.

Nuclear medicine specialist Dr. Sandy McEwan was appointed yesterday as a special adviser to Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq and he will act as a public spokesperson on the technical aspects of the shortage.

McEwan is the chair of the oncology department at the University of Alberta. He has also been involved with the Canadian Society of Nuclear Medicine and the Canadian Association of Nuclear Medicine. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

DEATH A Canadian soldier was killed in southern Afghanistan yesterday when an improvised explosive device he was trying to defuse exploded, the military told CBC News Online. Cpl. Martin Dubé, 35, was a combat engineer from the 5 Combat Engineer Regiment based at Canadian Forces Base Valcartier, near Quebec City. An Afghan police officer was also killed and an Afghan interpreter was seriously injured.

Martin Dube

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Decision day for Grits

Party expects Ignatieff to steer clear of federal election

Federal Liberals expect party leader Michael Ignatieff to steer clear of an absolute commitment to bring down Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government when he gives his verdict today on the Conservatives' handling of the economic crisis.

But there is speculation that Ignatieff may threaten to defeat the Conservative minority later this week unless Harper agrees to improve the government's response to the recession, possibly by immediately moving to enrich Employment Insurance (EI) payments or speed up infrastructure payments.

The Liberal caucus is meeting at 10 a.m. today and Ignatieff will announce his decision publicly an hour later.

"I don't think Canadians want an election. I don't think I want an election," Ignatieff told CBC-TV yesterday.

"But I have to do my job. And my job is to hold the government accountable."

Ignatieff spent the weekend studying the 234-page "report card" released Thursday on how the government is responding to the recession.

"I've gone through it carefully and I'll let Canadians know what I think about it tomorrow," he said.

By demanding periodic report cards from Harper on the government's attempts to help Canada return to economic growth, the Liberals have landed themselves in a tough corner.

Ignatieff's party has derided the latest Tory report card as inadequate and misleading.

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Consequences

- Forcing a summer election over the Conservatives' economic strategy during a deep recession could prompt a voter backlash against Ignatieff, Liberals acknowledge. Harper is certain to contend that an election battle would only hold up the delivery of pro-growth federal spending.

Convict walks away from pen

PRISON BREAK He slept in a bedroom, not a cell, and the ground outside his prison was free of walls and guard towers — in fact, there wasn't even a fence.

So why would Andrew John Wood, convicted of murder in the execution-style shooting death of a Toronto man in 1989, want to escape?

That may be a question police are asking themselves as they continue the search today for the 42-year-old Wood, who escaped from the minimum-security Frontenac Institution in Kingston, Ont. Saturday morning by simply walking away.

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Halifax **Big fat GreekFest**

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO CANADA

The junior Romiosyni dance group performs at GreekFest in Halifax on Saturday afternoon. The annual festival ran Friday through Sunday and featured Greek dancing, live music, wine tasting and plenty of good food.

New report backs up child-care guru's plan

CHILDCARE He is Canada's — and one of the world's — pre-eminent experts in early childhood development.

For years, Dr. Fraser Mustard has visited other countries touted the benefits of creating early childhood development centres while seeing his vision virtually ignored here at home. He once likened the situation to "bashing your head against the wall."

Someone has finally listened.

Charles Pascal's report to the Ontario government on full-day learning recommends a network of Best Start Child and Family Centres, bringing together the current mishmash of child and family programs already available and offering families parenting help, community resources playgroups and access to health professionals under one roof, preferably in local schools.

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Advocate

- Mustard has also long advocated for improved parental leave for working parents and a single ministry to oversee children's issues and education, both of which Pascal recommends in his report.

University students take aim at space tower

SCIENCE If the thinking of three York University scientists has been sound, they just might have this world at the end of a tether. Writing recently in science journal Acta Astronautica, Brendan Quine, Raj Seth and George Zhu have come up with a concept and prototype to create a giant inflatable tower that could carry people to the edge of space.

The three local scientists have come up with a plan that could be used to create a 20-kilometre tower using inflatable modules that could possibly house a space elevator and that could be used for research, tourism and telecommunications needs.

"The concept of a space tether that went all the way up to a space station is that if you can ascend the tether electrically or by other means, you could gain access directly to space. You wouldn't need chemical rockets, with their danger and often environmental consequences, and you would be able to deploy much more sophisticated communications networks," says Quine. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Arrest in Florida cat killings

A teenager was arrested in a string of cat killings and mutilations that horrified residents of Miami's southern suburbs, police said yesterday. Tyler Weinman, 18, was charged with 19 counts of animal cruelty, 19 counts of improperly disposing of an animal body and four counts of burglary. REUTERS

World

Obama finds friend in Queen Elizabeth

If Michelle Obama ever needs a place to stay in London, she could do worse than call on Queen Elizabeth. The two women met at the G20 summit in April and have kept in touch since then, royal sources said yesterday. When Michelle Obama made a private visit to the British capital last week with daughters, Malia, 10, and Sasha, 8, they were given a private three-hour tour of Buckingham Palace, including a meeting with the queen. REUTERS

Palestinians: 'Not enough'

RESPONSE A spokesman for Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas dismissed a speech yesterday by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as "sabotaging" peace efforts.

A senior Palestinian negotiator called on U.S. president Barack Obama to intervene to force Israel to abide by previous interim agreements that include freezing settlement activity in the West Bank. The alternative, he said, was violence. "The peace process has been moving at the speed of a tortoise," Saeb Erekat said. "Tonight, Netanyahu has flipped it over on its back."

Abbas spokesman Nabil Abu Rdainah said: "Netanyahu's remarks have sabotaged all initiatives ... his remarks are not enough and will not lead to a solution." REUTERS

Netanyahu calls for conditional state

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu responded yesterday to uncommon pressure from Washington by finally giving his endorsement — with conditions — to the establishment of a Palestinian state.

But in a speech answering U.S. President Barack Obama's address to the Arab world 10 days ago, the right-wing leader's defence of Jewish settlement on occupied land may fail to dispel tension with the White House, as the two men try to set new terms for the Middle East peace process in their first months in office.

Netanyahu, who has refused to back a state for Palestinians since he took office in March, said he would now endorse the establishment of such a state — but only if Israel received in advance international guarantees the new nation would have no army and Palestinians recognized Israel as a Jewish state.

"If we receive this guarantee regarding demilitarization and Israel's security needs, and if the Palestinians recognize Israel as the state of the Jewish people, then we will be ready in a future peace agreement to reach a solution where a demilitarized Palestinian state exists alongside the Jewish state," Netanyahu said at Bar Ilan University.

Palestinian leaders have rarely made an issue of Israel's insistence that they should not have an army in position to threaten its neighbour, but they have rejected the demand that they explicitly accept Israel as a Jewish state.

Meanwhile, only one in five Israelis believes a nuclear-armed Iran would try to destroy Israel and most see life continuing as normal should its arch-foe get the bomb, a poll published yesterday found. REUTERS

'Step forward'

- U.S. President Barack Obama's administration yesterday welcomed Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's endorsement of a separate Palestinian state, calling it an "important step forward."

Iran **Post-election unrest**

REUTERS

A riot policeman hits a motorcyclist during a protest against election results in Tehran yesterday. Iranian presidential candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi has launched a challenge to the result of Friday's vote, won by incumbent Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

News in brief

NUCLEAR North Korea said Saturday it would start a uranium enrichment program and weaponize all its plutonium in response to fresh UN sanctions, which the U.S. said it would work vigorously to enforce. The North Koreans also threatened military action if Washington and its allies tried to isolate it. REUTERS

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CIA chief says it almost seems as if Cheney wants U.S. attacked

"It's almost, a little bit, gallows politics. When you read behind it, it's almost as if he's wishing that this country would be attacked again, in order to make his point."
CIA director Leon Panetta on former U.S. vice-president Dick Cheney

UNITED STATES CIA director Leon Panetta says it's almost as if former vice-president Dick Cheney would like to see another attack on the United States to prove he is right in criticizing President Barack Obama for abandoning the "harsh interrogation" of terrorism suspects.

"I think he smells some blood in the water on the national security issue," Panetta said in an interview published in The New Yorker magazine's June 22 issue.

"It's almost, a little bit, gallows politics. When you read behind it, it's almost as if he's wishing that this country would be attacked again, in order to make his point."

Cheney, who was a key advocate in the Bush administration of controversial interrogation methods such as waterboarding, has become as a leading Republican critic of Obama's ban on harsh interrogations and his plan to shut the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

In a blistering May 21 speech, Cheney said Obama's reversal of Bush-era policies were "unwise in the extreme" that would make the American people less safe.

Panetta called Cheney's actions "dangerous politics."

He told The New Yorker he had favoured the creation of an independent truth commission to look into the detainee policies of former president Bush.

But the idea died in April when Obama decided such a panel could be seen as politically vindictive. REUTERS

News in brief

ITALY Italy's interior minister vowed yesterday to push ahead with plans for citizens patrols to fight crime, despite concern over possible fascist links of at least one group keen to participate. The proposal is opposed by Italy's opposition and by civil rights groups, who fear it could lead to racial discrimination and violence. Critics have compared the plan to the paramilitary groups used by fascist leader Benito Mussolini.

UNITED STATES U.S. Senate Republicans are in a quandary over the Supreme Court nomination of Sonia Sotomayor, aiming to raise pointed questions about her record without angering increasingly influential Hispanic voters. Hispanics, the fastest-growing U.S. minority who make up 15 per cent of the population, are a key to any expansion plans. Hispanics voted by a two-to-one margin for Obama in last year's presidential election. REUTERS

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Cuban factories closing

Cuban factories are closing down and production is being cut at other workplaces as the international financial crisis weighs on the import-dependent Caribbean island, the official media said yesterday.

A growing shortage of foreign exchange has forced the Communist-run country to drastically cut imports and local budgets, impose power quotas on state-run companies, restructure debt and put off payments to foreign suppliers.

The state-run Juventud Rebelde newspaper, the only national Sunday publication, said a tire factory had shut down since February due to a lack of rubber imports while an aluminum packaging plant cut output for similar reasons.

The newspaper said the plants were examples of a wider problem "in other sectors of the Cuban state company sector," which encompasses 90 per cent of economic activity.

Other workplaces were having difficulty obtaining spare parts, the newspaper said, and still others were being forced to scale back output after a recent government measure mandating a 12 per cent reduction in power consumption.

Cuba has been hit hard by the global financial crisis, which has slashed revenue from key exports, dried up credit and reduced foreign investment.

Workers at lobster processing plants, cigar rolling factories and other establishments have reported layoffs for months, but yesteday's Juventud Rebelde report was the first official admission of growing problems in the productive sector.

REUTERS

News in brief

TALIBAN Pakistan has ordered the military to carry out an offensive against Pakistani Taliban leader Baitullah Mehsud and his fighters, a provincial governor said yesterday. "The military and law enforcement agencies have been ordered to carry out a full-fledged operation to eliminate these beasts and killers by using all resources," Awais Ghani, governor of North West Frontier Province, told reporters, referring to Mehsud. REUTERS

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Airbus asks for patience during crash investigation

CAUSE Planemaker Airbus appealed for patience in speculating on the cause of the Atlantic plane disaster as Boeing came to the defence of its European rival's A330 passenger jet.

An Air France A330 jet crashed in the Atlantic en route from Brazil to Paris on June 1, killing all 228 people on board the Airbus in the worst aviation disaster in eight years.

"It is safe to say that the aviation community is still under some shock," Airbus chief executive Tom Enders told journalists.

"And it certainly doesn't provide consolation to the families that if we look at the statistics of flying compared with 30 years ago, the statistics show that the A330 is one of the safest aircraft that has ever gone into service."

Enders was speaking on Saturday in a briefing ahead of the June 15-21 Paris Airshow along with the head of Airbus parent EADS.

The crash has cast a pall over the world's largest aviation event, adding to economic pressures which have forced airlines to cancel or defer plane orders and travel fears over influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu.

EADS chief executive Louis Gallois appealed for media calm over the cause of the crash.

"Please be patient," he said. "Such an inquiry is long and we should not launch into ideas because it is an issue for families, colleagues and friends. They don't know if what they are reading in newspapers is true or not."

Enders said Airbus personnel had been deployed on rescue ships searching the Atlantic for bodies and wreckage and were ready to give expert help on the jetliner if required. REUTERS

News in brief

RUSSIA The rift between Russia and Belarus deepened yesterday when Belarussian President Alexander Lukashenko snubbed a security summit in Moscow in protest at Russia's "trade war" against his nation. Ties between the former Soviet republics have been strained since 2007. Minsk is angry at rising prices for Russian gas and Moscow by Lukashenko's growing overtures to the West. REUTERS

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Highs, lows of spring

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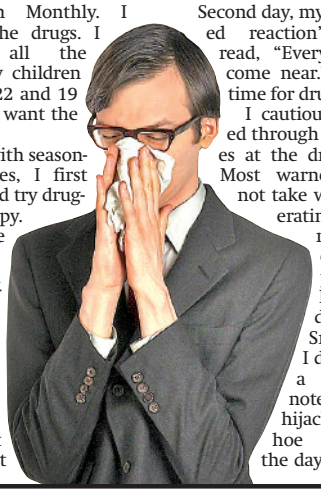
Lately, I've had that old familiar feeling again. My heart is fluttering, my pulse is racing, I feel like I'm walking on air. Only one thing can turn a mature adult into a grinning idiot like this. You guessed it. I'm on allergy medication.

Normally, I'm not a drug user. Once, as an undergrad, someone gave me a joint and I smoked it alone while watching The Sound Of Music on TV. I found the movie totally hilarious until the very end when it turned terribly tragic. By the time the youngest Von Trapps were being toted over the Swiss Alps, I was weeping uncontrollably, vowing to devote my life to the well-being of all displaced, musically gifted Austrians. Then I fell asleep.

My only other drug experience was during childbirth. I wasn't exactly poster girl for Natural Childbirth Monthly. I wanted the drugs. I wanted all the drugs. My children are now 22 and 19 and I still want the drugs.

Faced with seasonal allergies, I first thought I'd try drug-free therapy. A website suggested I keep a diary of anything that seems to cause an "elevated reaction." The first day my list



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read, "Conversation with my mother, trying to find parking downtown, PVR failing to record House." My partner, Liz, suggested they'd meant an elevated reaction in sneezing. Oh.

Second day, my "elevated reaction" diary read, "Everything I come near." It was time for drugs.

I cautiously sorted through the boxes at the drugstore. Most warned, "Do not take while operating heavy machinery." No problem. I drive a Smart car. I did make a mental note not to hijack a backhoe during the day. Several medications had side-effect lists that reminded me of American television drug ads, "May cause dizziness, brain implosion, spontaneous levitation, and arm to fall off, but it will clear up that unsightly rash, no problem."

Having made my choice, my days now go:

7 a.m.: Wake up.

7:30 a.m.: Able to pry sore eyes open enough to locate allergy medication. Take pill.

7:32-9:40 a.m.: This stuff is useless. It has no effect whatsoever. I can't believe they're allowed to sell … wait …

9:40 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.: La, la, la. I am so happy. I'm a big, pink bunny. Or there's one on my desk. Or both. I love Tom Harper …

7:30 p.m.: … huh? Achooo! Damn it.

Take and repeat.

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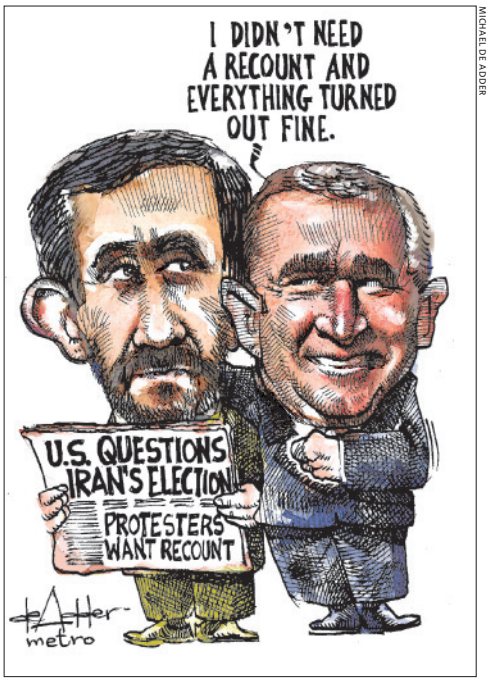

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Views

Sad end for Japantown's field of memories

InTransit

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Later this week, the Vancouver Canadians baseball team will play its much-anticipated season opener at Nat Bailey Stadium.

Expect the scene to be an upbeat one — from the singing of Take Me Out To The Ball Game to Little Leaguers cheerfully chasing foul balls in the bleachers.

But not far away, in the Downtown Eastside, a far less happy baseball story is being played out.

At Oppenheimer Park, in Vancouver's old Japantown neighbourhood, the historic playing field of the Asahi baseball team is being demolished. The City of Vancouver is removing the ball diamond as part of its renovation of the park.

The Asahi team, formed in 1914 and comprised of Japanese-Canadian players, was a premier baseball team in the Pacific Northwest, having won numerous championships. In contrast to the home-run heroes of the modern era, their winning style was marked by stolen bases, bunts and deft fielding — all of it steroid-free.

Tragically, with the internment of Japanese-Canadians during the Second World War — and players forced to scatter across the province and the country — the team disbanded.

Forever, it turned out.

But the Asahi baseball legend lived on. The team, after all, was the touchstone for a community that had been ravaged by racism and, ultimately, forced relocation.

All of this made their home turf on Powell Street less a field of dreams, and more a field of memories — memories steeped in glory and melancholy.

Which is why the demolition of the diamond has some folks, including Downtown Eastside activists and citizen journalists Hendrick Beune and April Smith, fuming.

They note that in recent years, the Japantown community had resumed a baseball tournament on the grounds to honour the team.

But Beune tells me his pleas to save the diamond have been met with silence or even resistance. Which is a shame, since there is no turning back now.

The news isn't all bad. According to the Vancouver Park Board, the team will be remembered at Oppenheimer, and a reference to the team will be interwoven in the mesh of a commemorative backstop.

But the diamond, the bleachers and the original backstop will all be gone.

In the city's defence, it is dealing with numerous stakeholders at a site that has been under siege for decades. This is the Downtown Eastside we are talking about.

But that doesn't make the demise of the historic Asahi grounds any less tragic.

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Letters

What's best for yourself is height of entitlement

Re: Feminism battleground is women's bodies (June 11)

I am always thrilled to see anything even vaguely feminist in any major publication.

Thank you, also, for mentioning Dr. Tiller. His death, an act of domestic terrorism, represents a terrifying nadir in the ridiculous, sadly-pathetic-if-it-weren't-so-horrifying struggle for women to remain autonomous people (you know, just like men are).

The idea that some stranger has decided that he or she knows what's best for me, my body and my health — despite never having met me and knowing absolutely nothing about me — is the height of entitlement and so completely outrageous that I am left baffled by the fact the U.S. is even still debating about abortion.

LESLEY STEEVE, TORONTO

Worth mentioning

Rats have finally left the island

Alaska's Rat Island is finally rat-free, 229 years after a Japanese shipwreck spilled rampaging rodents onto the remote Aleutian island, decimating the local bird population.

After dropping poison onto the island from helicopter-hoisted buckets for a week and a half last fall, there are no signs of living rats and some birds have returned, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Rats have ruled the island since 1780, when they jumped off a sinking Japanese ship and terrorized all but the largest birds on the island.

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Don't throw out that toner cartridge — reuse it

About 167 million toner cartridges are dumped into American landfills every year, according to Kim McKay and Jenny Bonnin's True Green @ Work: 100 Ways You Can Make the Environment Your Business. Most can be refilled up to four times. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Going Green

Recycled cashmere

TeddyLux Recycled Cashmere has figured out a great use for recycled cashmere sweaters — teddy bears, says Green Trends. The Georgia-based business upcycles worn out cashmere sweaters into cashmere stuffed animals and baby toys. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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It's not always easy being green

EarthTones

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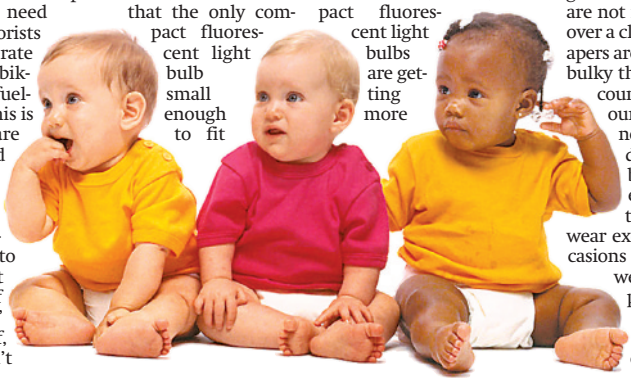
For some time now we have been exhorting Metro readers to reduce, reuse, recycle and in all ways live the green life. We think it's time we acknowledged that it's not always that easy. The green brick road is not without its flying monkeys. We ourselves have encountered various difficulties and inconsistencies while trying to tread more lightly on the planet. Frankly we'd like to complain about them, and since we have this soapbox, we thought we'd stand on it.

Some difficulties are easy to foresee, such as the fact that bike lanes are not always available and sometimes just stop — leaving the cyclist in traffic; the fact that bike racks are not always where you need them; and that motorists are not very considerate of bikes. When not biking, we drive a very fuel-efficient diesel car. This is great until you are down to fumes and can't find a service station that has diesel.

"Of course, the solution to this is not to let the tank get that empty," says one half of this team. "Well," says the other half, "sometimes we don't fill it up because we hope that we can get home without filling it and then you will have to do it and I won't get my hands all diesel-y."

Other difficulties took us by surprise. When doing some recent home improvements, we discovered that the only compact fluorescent light bulb small enough to fit into the new light fixture casts a dim glow about equivalent to a single candle. Aren't incandescent bulbs being phased out by 2012? Don't manufacturers figure that any light fixtures we install today we are hoping to still be using in 2012? Of course, compact fluorescent light bulbs are getting more "compact" all the time, so in time we may be able to put a reasonable light in that fixture. In the meantime we are using night-vision goggles.



We have only recently become aware of another problem with living the green life — baby clothes are not manufactured to fit over a cloth diaper. Cloth diapers are considerably more bulky than their disposable counterparts. In short, our baby, clad in her non-landfill-choking diaper, has a big bum. She has a closet full of cute outfits that she cannot wear except on the rare occasions when she has to wear a disposable diaper (travelling, etc.). The sleepers and onesies that she does wear are too big for her everywhere except over her bottom, where they are tight and in some cases do not even button. A generation ago, most babies wore cloth diapers, and not the streamlined designer ones that our baby wears, so they were probably even more bulky. Were baby clothes sized differently then? Do we need to get hold of some vintage sleepers?

OK, that is our complaining over with. And when we look into the eyes of the future generation, clad in her bulky diaper and ill-fitting clothes, we realize that whatever the inconveniences are to us, we must continue to try to preserve the planet.

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San Francisco resident finds new use for hair

TOOL Lisa Craig Gautier collects human hair; in fact, she has a warehouse full of manes. And she's turned the lowly waste product into a world-class eco tool.

"Hair is an amazing product," says Gautier. "It cleans the air, it can clean petroleum, algae blossoms and fish oil, and it prevents soil erosion. It's really a shame to put hair in landfills, where it sits for 3,000 years!"

Several years ago, the San Francisco resident decided to put hair to good use. She asked hair salons to send her their hair, which she put into nylon nets to make "hair mats."

When Chinese tanker Cosco Busan leaked toxic fuel outside San Francisco two years ago, hundreds of volunteers helped clean it up — with Gautier's hair mats. And some people now use the mats to clean up their car oil leaks.

"Hair mats are really magical," says Gautier, a former zoo worker. "They are much better than the synthetic products that (are) normally used to clean up oil spills."

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Matter of Trust

- Today over 7,000 hair salons send hair to Gautier's organization, Matter of Trust. Little girls mail their braids, and recently even a nudist colony sent a hair package. Only head hair can be used.

12 ways to reuse regular items found around the house

Regular household items that are easy and convenient to reuse, according to Red Flag Deals.com:

1. Milk bags: Cut open one end, rinse and dry for a steady supply of sturdy plastic bags useful for storing anything that fits.

2. Scrap paper: Use for making notes or printing out draft copies.

3. Envelopes and boxes: Open packages and envelopes gently, cover existing address with a label or stamp and reuse.

4. Gift wrap: Reuse a perfectly serviceable gift bag.

5. Plastic food containers: Many grocery items come in perfectly reusable containers, such as margarine, tofu and salad. Hand wash only as they warp or melt in the dishwasher.

6. Paper towels: A sheet just used to dry clean hands can easily be dried and reused later for wiping plates before washing.

7. Sponges: Don't toss out a dirty sponge — two minutes in a microwave at full power can effectively destroy 99 per cent of bacteria and other harmful buildup and prolong its usefulness (sponge should be damp for microwaving).

8. Newspaper: Wad it up and use as a packing material instead of foam peanuts or styrofoam.

9. Coffee tins and clean egg cartons: Kids can always use such items for arts and crafts. Keep some around for a rainy day children's activity.

10. Old clothes: Donate them or use for craft projects like quilts, dog beds and gift wrap.

11. Old or chipped mugs: Use them as planters.

12. Single earrings: Use as a scatter pin or lapel pin.

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Waste coats

- Debenhams of Britain creates coats from bottles destined for landfill sites. The bottles are melted down, then refined and woven into a soft but hard-wearing polyester. A 100 per cent recycled single-buttoned jacket and women's trouser suit sells for £55 (about $102).
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New chart aims to boost independent U.K. music

Two new pop music charts will be launched in Britain this month aimed at championing up-and-coming acts signed with independent labels. Independent labels already have their own charts in Britain, and the rules are being changed and simplified in an attempt to revamp the format, an industry trade body said yesterday. REUTERS

Business

Clinton addresses trade concerns

Canada decried Saturday a "rising tide of protectionism" in the United States, but Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said the "Buy American" provisions in an economic stimulus package will not interfere with U.S. trade obligations. Clinton, during a brief visit to Canada, said she and Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs Lawrence Cannon discussed the issue during a meeting. REUTERS

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The future of digital media

Need for federal regulatory strategy being recognized

In recent months, there has been growing support for a national regulatory strategy for digital media. The CRTC has explicitly identified the need for this in its new-media decision, as have leaders in the technology, telecommunications, broadcast and education communities.

The need for a federal strategy stems from the realization that Canada is rapidly falling behind much of the developed world on digital issues. The gradual hollowing out of the Canadian technology sector, the absence of a strategy to digitize Canadian content, and the plummeting rankings of Canadian high-speed services point to a problem that can no longer be ignored.

A Canadian digital action plan could focus on five main issues:

1. Incentives for world-class networks

Ensuring that all Canadians have access to high-speed networks should be a top-priority. The plan could involve funding for rural broadband initiatives and tax incentives to promote investment in fast fibre-to-the-home services.

2. Establish openness

The City of Vancouver recently adopted an openness policy that establishes a preference for open standards, open-source software and open government data. The federal government should do the same.

3. Modernize the law

There is seemingly universal agreement that several Canadian laws are long overdue for digital reform, including updating privacy legislation and changing Canadian tax rules to encourage venture-capital financing and corporate investment in new technologies.

4. Remove barriers to innovation

A Canadian digital action plan should help promote innovation by removing several long-standing barriers. This includes lifting foreign investment restrictions in the telecommunications sector and guarding against anti-competitive behaviour.

5. Promote a Canadian Internet

Support for a Canadian Internet should extend beyond traditional funding programs. The Canadian Internet Registration Authority could use part of its forthcoming financial surplus (which could soon exceed $1 million annually) to grant every Canadian a free domain name to encourage their participation online.

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History

- Industry watchers point to the late 1990s as the last time Canadian digital policy was driven by a cohesive plan, when Canada introduced privacy and e-commerce legislation, online consumer protections and supported high-speed networks that rivalled the best in the world.

Singapore Music on the go

EDGAR SUAREZ/ES

Chart-topping singer Lady Ga Ga performs during the launch of the AMPed mobile music download service by SingTel in Singapore yesterday. The service lets mobile subscribers download music files and videos.

Business in brief

DRUGS Pfizer Inc., the world's largest drugmaker, is looking to conclude deals in emerging markets over coming months to raise its share of a market worth an estimated $80 billion US, an executive said yesterday. Pharmaceutical companies are increasingly turning their attention to developing nations as they face tougher conditions in more mature markets.

CANWEST Unions at Canwest Global Communications newspapers say they are being asked to enter concession talks with the company, which faces a major restructuring effort as it tries to deal with a crushing $3.9-billion debt load, CBC News Online reports. The CWA/SCA Canada union said Friday the Winnipeg-based newspaper publisher is asking for wage cuts of up to five per cent, which could save it $20 million a year.

FEES Several financial institutions have been ordered to pay more than $200 million to Quebec credit card holders who were charged fees for purchases made in foreign currencies, CBC News Online reports. A Quebec Superior Court judge agreed with the complainants that the fees — which ranged up to 2.5 per cent on each transaction — essentially amounted to interest charged on purchases, and therefore customers who paid their balance before a grace period should not have had to pay them. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Stimulus dollars slow in coming, figures show

SPENDING Despite public pledges to accelerate infrastructure spending, the federal Conservatives have spent just a quarter of their $15-billion infrastructure fund, new figures show.

And the numbers reveal that very little cash has so far flowed for some big-ticket announcements.

For example, a promised $100-million expansion of the Trans-Canada Highway near Banff has received just $5 million, and a $34.5-million road-widening in Calgary has only received $478,923, federal figures confirm.

"There's virtually nothing coming," NDP Leader Jack Layton said.

"There are billions of dollars of stimulus that should have been flowing already. Some of the people being laid off across the country could have moved into those construction jobs."

In fact, the funds are flowing even slower than forecast in the 2007 budget, before the financial crisis hit.

According to that timetable, programs under the Building Canada Plan should have pumped more than $5 billion into projects by this fiscal year.

Yet the amount spent so far is $1.3 billion less than forecast, calling into question whether pledges to boost spending are sincere, Layton said in an interview.

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Canada pushes G8 leaders for exit strategies

ECONOMIES G8 leaders hinted at a move out of crisis mode this weekend as a sign the global economy has turned the corner.

Canada and Germany led the push for ministers to tackle the problem of how to start rolling back huge state spending and hiking interest rates, to ensure the credit crisis is not followed by a surge in inflation and a fiscal blowout.

"The issue is to act in time to prevent any inflationary developments playing a major role."
Peer Steinbrueck

"The issue is to act in time to prevent any inflationary developments playing a major role," German Finance Minister Peer Steinbrueck said.

A surge in long-term government bond yields over the past several weeks showed investors are worried about the impact of huge sums poured into economies, and some analysts said bond markets would take heart at hints states may cap new borrowing. REUTERS

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Lidstrom's mid-playoff surgery

General manager Ken Holland says Detroit Red Wings captain Nicklas Lidstrom missed the last two games of the Western Conference final because of surgery. Lidstrom told the Detroit Free Press he had testicular surgery after he was speared by Chicago's Patrick Sharp on May 22. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Lewis headed to Hall

Three-time heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis, left, is among the latest class inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame. Lewis learned to box growing up in Kitchener, Ont., and earned Olympic gold for Canada in 1988. Lewis retired in 2003 with a record of 41-2-1, including 32 knockouts, and enters the hall in his first year of eligibility. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Whitecaps almost a lock to advance

JustSoccer

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Barring any miracles this Thursday, the Vancouver Whitecaps should advance to the CONCACAF Champions League. The only way they wouldn't, would be if the Montreal Impact were to fall on their faces and allow Toronto FC to four or more goals.

Toronto has only scored four goals once in its short history. And Montreal has only allowed four or more goals once in the last three years. So, as I said, barring any miracles, Vancouver will be moving on.

Advancing to the Champions League is a tremendous accomplishment for the club that has been swimming in good news off the pitch this year. Their acceptance into the MLS, the coming move to B.C. Place, all wrapped around the club's 35th year celebrations, has put the team on high. But on the pitch has been a different story.

This past Friday, the Caps won their first league match in four games by defeating Miami 3-2. The win was marred by red cards being issued to two Whitecaps players for fighting. Each other.

In the 85th minute, with the game in hand, Whitecaps defender Wesley Charles ran 20 yards down the pitch to attack teammate Charles Gbeke. Just moments before the incident erupted, the two appeared to be having words over a missed chance by Gbeke. Charles was immediately red carded on the play and sent off. Gbeke would receive a yellow and then another, moments later, when he angrily kicked a water bottle on the sidelines.

The pair will miss the next Caps game against Montreal and may receive additional suspensions from the league.

This week should have been a continuation of this year's celebrations. For the first time, a team other than Montreal will be presented with the Voyageurs Cup.

Instead, a black cloud will hang over Vancouver as they start sorting out what is obviously a major rift in the dressing room and await news from the league on additional suspensions for their two best players.

Watch Ben Rycroft on the It's Called Football show every Monday at metronews.ca; ben.rycroft@metronews.ca.

For video of Whitecaps teammates fighting mid-game, visit: metronews.ca/sports

Lakers win NBA title

(Lakers win series 4-1)

Lakers 99 **Magic** 86

LAKERS VS MAGIC

Kobe Bryant proved he can win a championship without Shaquille O'Neal, while Phil Jackson became the all-time leader in NBA titles among coaches as the Los Angeles Lakers finished off Orlando 99-86 in Game 5 of the Finals.

Despite falling behind by nine points in the first quarter, the Lakers stepped on the gas in the second, reeling off 16 unanswered points, a run keyed by Trevor Ariza, and took a 56-46 lead at the half. The Lakers were in front by as many as 18 in the second half and didn't allow the Magic a rally to send the series back to Los Angeles.

The 15 titles by the Lakers are two shy of Boston's all-time record. It was also a sense of redemption for the Lakers, who lost in the Finals to the Celtics last year. It's their first time raising the trophy since 2002, the last of three consecutive championships.

Bryant scored 30 points, and had six rebounds and five assists in the clincher. Lamar Odom tallied 17 points and 10 rebounds, while Pau Gasol chipped in 14 points and 15 boards.

Bryant, who averaged over 32 points during the Finals, was named the MVP of the championship series.

Jackson and Bryant each have four crowns with the Lakers. For Jackson, his 10th championship surpassed the legendary Red Auerbach for the most in history.

Ariza had 15 points and Derek Fisher chimed in with 13 for the Lakers.

Orlando was making its second Finals appearance. In 1995, the Magic, who were swept in the championship series by Houston, were led by the power of O'Neal.

This time around, even Superman couldn't help put the Magic over the top as Dwight Howard ended with 11 points, 10 rebounds and three blocks in the series finale. Rashard Lewis tallied 18 points and 10 boards for Orlando, which shot 41.5 per cent from the field.

Courtney Lee, Rafer Alston and Hedo Turkoglu each finished with 12 points in defeat.

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Pau Gasol, Kobe Bryant and Trevor Ariza celebrate after their Lakers defeated the Orlando Magic 99-86 in Game 5 of the NBA Finals last night. Los Angeles won the series four games to one.

Gay goes wire-to-wire at St. Jude

GOLF Brian Gay crowned a consistent week by clinching the St. Jude Classic yesterday with a five-shot win over compatriots David Toms and Bryce Molder.

The 37-year-old Gay finished on 18-under par to claim his third PGA Tour win, and his second of the year, having led after all four rounds at the TPC Southwind.

Gay has now booked himself a starting place in next week's U.S Open.

The Texan picked up $1 million for the win, completed in confident style after rain had forced a four-hour delay. Australians John Senden and Robert Allenby finished tied fourth, six shots off Gay, along with American Paul Goydos.

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Sports in brief

BLUE JAYS Ronny Paulino went 4-for-5 with a pair of homers and three runs batted in, and Josh Johnson pitched his third career complete game as the Florida Marlins swept a three-game interleague set with an 11-3 win over the Toronto Blue Jays at Rogers Centre.

BALL HOCKEY The Canadian men's ball hockey team opened its quest for a fifth straight title with a decisive 21-1 victory over Great Britain yesterday at the world championship. The Canadians continue Group B play today against Portugal.

RACING Marc Gene of Spain and Peugeot won the 24 Hours of Le Mans yesterday, ending Audi's five-year domination. The diesel-powered Peugeot No. 9 was one of the few cars to have a trouble-free run in the world's most famous endurance race.

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Workology

Laval offers up free bikes

Université Laval has partnered with Véloville, a local organization, to provide its community with free bicycles. For three years, uLaval ran a free-bike pilot program for students living in residence, and now the program is being extended to all students and staff in order to promote a healthy lifestyle. Participants have access to 40 bikes, and can use them up to 6 hours at a time. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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A meticulously challenging career

OddJobs

Diane Peters

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The first thing you probably do when you pick up a non-fiction book is flip to the back and scan the index.

However, it's the very last thing that goes into writing a book.

Sometimes just a few days before it goes to press, a book's editor will call someone like Clive Pyne to compose the index.

This difficult and sometimes tedious job cannot be done by computers. It's been tried, and it's failed. Instead, Pyne will put in as many as seven days of working 10 hours a day to create an index for a complicated textbook.

Pyne starts by reading the book, marking up every fact he finds as he goes. "I'm doing a lot in my head at this point, I'm getting a sense of the pattern."

On the second read, he boots up his computer and, using special software, starts keying in subheads and page numbers. The program organizes these subheads into virtual file cards.

About a quarter of Pyne's time on a book is spent editing: Reorganizing his subheads to make better sense and also trimming to fit the numbers of pages allotted for the index.

Organizing information in books is always a challenge. Extra tough: Listing names from cultures where people write their surnames first, or dealing with double postings and nutritional information in a cookbook.

"It's an art and it's a science," says Pyne. It takes years to hone one's indexing skills and get fast at the job.

Pyne's been indexing for the last four years. He's done a variety of jobs, including working in human resources, where he did job classifications and pay equity calculations.

"It's an art and it's a science."
Book Indexer
Clive Pyne

After moving from Toronto to Ottawa a few years ago, Pyne had trouble finding work in the bilingual city. He realized he had a talent for identifying patterns, and starting looking for a new career to match his skill.

He met an indexer who lived in nearby Perth and decided to try it. He bought 16 different nonfiction books and composed his own indexes for each. His colleague critiqued his work. Feeling ready, Pyne started marketing himself.

One of the first books he ever worked on, for the Canadian Museum of Civilization, won numerous awards.

Now, as an established indexer, Pyne works long days and most weekends. The work is exhausting, but Pyne takes numerous breaks through the day and often heads out for the gym or a quick walk to energize himself. He also spends time maintaining his website, sending emails and marketing himself to continue to get more work.

The Lowdown

Job title: Indexer
Salary: About $40,000 a year, more if you index complex things like medical textbooks.
Education/training: There's at least one university program that teaches indexing in the U.S., but most indexers are self-taught.
Best Part of the Job: "I'm constantly changing gears. It's not boring and it's very challenging."
Worst Part of the Job: "The stress, the long hours, and the low pay."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

Indexing books cannot be done by computers. It's been tried, and it's failed. That's where Clive Pyne comes in.

Setting a healthy posture precedent

Head to **Toe**

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Spotting the little things that can make big changes to let people avoid chronic workplace pain is what Craig Kipling does best.

The 32-year-old and principal consultant of ergonomic consulting firm Healthy Posture Inc. helps companies and individuals eliminate unnecessary aches and pains in the workplace by making sure their work spaces are ergonomically sound.

Kipling has a degree in Kinesiology but always had a love for business as well so he started Healthy Posture five years ago to meld the two together.

"My vision was I wanted to take my schooling and apply it in the corporate world," he said.

Just by seeing how a person uses their workstation, Kipling can tell where the problems are and work individually with them to set up their work space.

"We're all different heights and all different sizes,," Kipling said.

Kipling says incorrect monitor positioning in is the number one reason why people develop back pain. A computer monitor should not be at eye level, since the eye's most common habit is to look down.

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Best movie promotion
The Dark Knight took home eight Key Art Awards, including best theatrical poster and best TV spot, in the annual competition to honour the best in movie promotion. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Entertainment

Splitting up

Usher has filed for divorce from wife Tameka Foster Raymond. The R&B star filed the petition Friday in Atlanta. The couple, who got married in August 2007, has two sons together. PEOPLE.COM

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Boss of Bonnaroo

Springsteen brings energy to music festival

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

"We didn't just come here to rock the house. We came here to build a house!" wailed Bruce Springsteen during his headlining set with the E Street Band Saturday at the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival.

If his live show were anything like building a home, Springteen's would be sturdy. Sweat flew from The Boss' arms as he played a three-hour show in which he performed songs from his near 40-year canon, emphasizing hard times, while barely stopping for breath in between.

Springsteen headlined the eighth instalment of Bonnaroo, which takes place on a farm in Manchester, Tenn.

More than 75,000 people from around the world were in attendance for the four-day festival, which wrapped up last night.

Friday began with Brooklyn, N.Y. experimental indie rockers The Dirty Projectors delivering a solid collection, featuring interlocking vocal rhythms and harmonies. Later, they were joined by David Byrne, former frontman of Talking Heads, who both assembled the stage's lineup and offered his chops to the band.

The vocals for Baltimore electronic duo Animal Collective, on the other hand, failed to impress. Timing worked against the group that seemed to be disjointed overall, producing otherwise very danceable music

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to a relatively static crowd.

That quickly changed when New York alt-rockers Yeah Yeah Yeahs took the stage to a massive eyeball backdrop surrounded by a sparkling blue spiral. Lead singer Karen O's honey-like tableau transitions provided eye candy for the band's alternating hard dance punk and synth-spiked rock.

Contemporary bands were as common as veterans at the weekend festival. Soul master Al Green played the main stage, as he threw roses to the crowd, Elvis Costello departed from his new wave sound with a country and bluegrass-touched solo set and festival favourite Phish played two sets, with typically extended jam sessions.

Chicago alt-country outfit Wilco, headed by singer/guitarist Jeff Tweedy, took the main stage to prime the crowd for Springsteen. Tweedy joked he'd interpret any audience boos as "Bruuuuce!", inviting the crowd to yell the singer's name.

Before the festival's unrivaled closing performance by Phish, Sunday offered a varied lineup featuring sets by soulful Erykah Badu, rapper Snoop Dogg, folk singer/songwriter Andrew Bird and country siren Neko Case.

STEVE HYMAN/FOR METRO CANADA

Yeah Yeah Yeahs frontwoman Karen O performs at the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival in Manchester, Tenn.

Britain gets two new pop charts

MUSIC Two new pop music charts will be launched in Britain this month aimed at championing up-and-coming acts signed with independent labels.

Despite the increasing ease with which bands can distribute music over the Internet, the business continues to be dominated by four major record companies — Warner Music Group, Universal Music Group, EMI and Sony Music Entertainment.

Independent labels already have their own charts in Britain, and the rules are being changed and simplified in an attempt to revamp the format, the Official Charts Company and British Phonographic Industry (BPI) trade body said yesterday.

And in a bid to promote fresh faces, a Singles Breakers and Albums Breakers chart will be added.

"We've done test charts, and the kinds of artists who would have benefited are Friendly Fires and Grizzly Bear," said Martin Talbot, managing director of the Official Charts Company. REUTERS

In brief

WEEKEND BOX OFFICE

1. **The Hangover, $33.4 million US**
2. Up, $30.5 million
3. The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3, $25 million
4. Night at the Museum, $9.6 million
5. Land of the Lost, $9.2 million
6. Imagine That, $5.7 million
7. Star Trek, $5.6 million
8. Terminator Salvation, $4.7 million
9. Angels & Demons, $4.2 million
10. Drag Me To Hell, $3.9 million

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VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 6/15/09	251	308	3 CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	René Lévesque II (2009) (Part 2 of 2) Emmanuel Bilodeau.				CBC News: The National (N)		(:05) The Hour
	255	358	6 JOY	E! News (N)	The Insider	Rocker Moms	How I Met	The Soup (N)	Engagement	The Best Years (N) (CC)		News (N)
	254	-	8 M	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Omni News: Mandarin Edition		News: Cantonese Edition		Omni News: Punjabi Edition		Metropia
	250	321	9 CTV	etalk (CC)	Hollywood	Big Bang Th	Two/Half Men	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		CSI: Miami "Wrecking Crew"		News (N)
	-	-	10 OMNI	The Daily	Frasier (CC)	The Practice "Swearing In"		One Tree Hill (CC)		Scrubs (CC)	Randall Mark	New Day
	252	336	11 GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	House "Joy to the World"		Lie to Me "Pilot" (CC)		Cold Blood (N) (CC)		News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	The Road to Avonlea		Gossip Girl "The Dark Night"		The Wedding Planner ★★ (2001) Jennifer Lopez.				News (N)
	253	359	13 CITY	Law & Order: SVU		The Bachelorette (N) (CC)				Here Come the Newlyweds		The CityNews
	-	-	14 CW	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	Gossip Girl "The Dark Night"		One Tree Hill (CC)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Big Bang Th	How I Met	Two/Half Men	Big Bang Th	CSI: Miami "Wrecking Crew"		News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out.		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Dateline NBC (N) (CC)		News (N)
	602	568	19 W	How Clean	Friends (CC)	How Clean	Kim	Love It or List It		The Agents	House	Maxed Out
	288	380	21 ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The Bachelorette (N) (CC)				Here Come the Newlyweds		KOMO 4 News
	-	-	23 KVOS	M*A*S*H	Seinfeld	The Road to El Dorado ★★ (2000) Voices of Kevin Kline.				King	Still Standing	Scrubs (CC)
	291	383	27 PBS	Steves Europe	Antiques	Antiques Roadshow (CC)		Command Performance				Chris Botti
	290	382	28 FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	House "Joy to the World"		Lie to Me "Pilot" (CC)		News (N) (CC)		Family Guy
	-	364	45 PBS	A Brief History of Disbelief		Keeping Up	Being Served	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)		Antiques Roadshow (CC)	
	296	654	54 SBK	Frasier (CC)	Frasier (CC)	Punk'd (CC)	South Park	Cheers (CC)	Half & Half	Work Home	Family Court	Paid Program
	298	653	55 TLA	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Gossip Girl "The Dark Night"		One Tree Hill (CC)		KTLA Prime News (CC)		Friends (CC)
	295	651	58 WGN	WGN News at Nine (N) (CC)		Family Guy	Two/Half Men	According-Jim	Sex and-City	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	My Wife-Kids
	297	652	57 WPX	PIX News at Ten Tong. (N)		Two/Half Men	Friends (CC)	Sex and-City	According-Jim	Frasier (CC)	Frasier (CC)	Colon Detox
	199	311	76 STR	News (N)	News		Late Show-Letterman		Late Late Show		Will & Grace	Seinfeld
news	502	390	26 NW	Miracle		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		Miracle		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
sports	407	419	22 RSP	Best Damn Sports Show		UFC: Access	The Ultimate Fighter		MMA Conn	Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			Off the Record	NASCAR Racing		E:60 (CC)		SportsCentre
	411	457	49 OLN	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Departures (CC)		Survivorman (CC)		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Departures
	410	403	50 SCR	WWE Monday Night Raw		(:15) Score Tonight		WWE Monday Night Raw (CC)				Cabby Unlimit
	417	406	55 SC	Barrett-Jackson		Car Crazy	Pass Time	This Week in NASCAR		SuperCars	SuperCars	Auctions
	416	409	144 GLF	Fútbol		Gol TV News	Ole: La Liga		Gol TV News	Paid Program	Gol TV News	Gol TV News
family	552	543	25 YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Malcolm-Mid.	Futurama	League-Evil	Zixx Level	Falcon Beach (CC)		Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	60 TEL	Jimmy Two	Total Drama	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	Punch (CC)	Chicken	American Dad	Moral Orel
	557	541	61 FAM	Wizards-Place	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory in House	Zack & Cody
	553	546	63 TRE	Big Comfy	Big & Small	Max & Ruby	Babar (CC)	Backyard	Ni Hao	Go, Diego, Go!	Franklin	Comfy Couch
cable variety	268	354	5 KNO	Undersea	Landscape	Around the World		Buffy Sainte-Marie: Multi.		On Screen (CC)		Haida Art
	575	583	20 CMT	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	CMT's Greatest		Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Hope & Faith
	570	580	24 MM	MuchNews	Video on Trial	One Tree Hill (CC)		Shot at Love-Tila Tequila		MuchNews	Video on Trial	Spotlight
	600	564	25 H&G	House	House	Holmes on Homes (CC)		Property	Income Prop.	My First Place	For Rent	House
	615	520	31 A&E	Obsessed "Russ; Karen" (N)		Crime 360 (CC)		Intervention "Kristen" (CC)		Intervention A gifted boxer.		Obsessed
	628	584	32 SPKE	4th and Long "Halfway There"		Pros vs. Joes: All Stars (N)		4th and Long "Halfway There"		Pros vs. Joes: All Stars (CC)		Video Justice
	521	560	34 TLC	Cake Boss (N)	Cake Boss	American Chopper "Jon & Kate Plus 8 Bike"			Jon & Kate	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Jon & Kate
	616	522	53 SHO	The Outer Limits (CC)		Cashing In	Kink in Hair	The House Next Door (2006, Suspense) Lara Flynn Boyle.				House "Safe"
	620	523	70 BVO	Bravonews	Ensemble	Law & Order "Release" (CC)		Without a Trace (CC)		A Midsummer Night's Sex Comedy ★★★		
	601	562	41 SLC	In Laws	In Laws	ET Canada	Til Debt-Part	Real Housewives NYC		Trading Spouses		Biggest Loser
	520	505	42 DIS	Canada's Worst Handyman		Daily Planet (CC)		MythBusters "Trail Blazers"		Canada's Worst Handyman		Dirty Jobs
	522	506	44 HIS	NCIS "Honor Code" (CC)		Tank Overhaul (CC)		For King and Country (CC)		NCIS "Honor Code" (CC)		Sea Hunters
	627	528	45 SPC	(6:00) Descent ★★ (2007)		Stargate SG-1 "Grace" (CC)		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Voyager (CC)		Star Trek: Ent.
	294	650	57 TBS	Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	Bill Engvall	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Jury Duty ★ (1995, Comedy) Pauly Shore, Tia Carrere. (CC)			
	619	525	48 TROP	Once a Thief (CC)		Carlawood (N)	Prod. Parker	Ground Up		Are You Smarter		Weekend
	603	561	52 FN	100 Mile Challenge (CC)		Restaurant Makeover (CC)		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Food	Glutton	Food
	626	547	57 COM	Air Farce	Just for Laughs (CC)		Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Comedians of Comedy Live		Daily Show
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:00) The Ex	Tracey Ullman	Durham County (CC)		Nurse Jackie	The Line Moving the drugs.		U.S. of Tara	Midnight
	581	566	101 MTV	Living	Sweet 16	MTV Live	After	True Life (CC)		Living	Sweet 16	MTV Live
	261	394	102 V	The Protestant Revolution		Poltergeist: The Legacy		Oscar and Lucinda ★★★ (1997) Ralph Fiennes, Cate Blanchett. (CC)				
	-	-	106 MUL	Eight Heroes	Kingdom-Wind	Can't Live Without Her		Marimar		Pinoy	Pinoy Records	Patrol World

critics'corner

How I Met Your Mother
Much to the dismay of her current friends, Robin (Cobie Smulders) rediscovers the "Woo Girls," a group of single women who like to party. Ted (Josh Radnor) pitches Barney (Neil Patrick Harris) a design for his company's headquarters but fails to take into account Barney's insatiable appetite for the awesome. Jamie-Lynn Sigler ("The Sopranos") guest stars in "Woooo!" 8:30 PM on CBS, JOY

Ennio Morricone Concert Live in Venice
Ennio who? You may not know his name, but if you've been to the movies in the past 50 years, you've probably heard his music. A five-time Oscar nominee, Morricone is the man behind such memorable scores as those for "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" "The Untouchables" and "Casualties of War." In this new special, he conducts a 100-piece orchestra and choir in a concert dedicated to the victims of massacres. 5 PM on BVO

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DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY

Feeling happy is something we have direct control over

Ever wonder why some people always seem to be happy-go-lucky while others don't? Though hard to define, happiness — that feeling of contentment, satisfaction, pleasure or joy — is, in fact, something we have direct control over. So can we actually increase our happiness?

The answer seems to be "yes."

And it mainly has to do with one's general outlook on life; in other words, how optimistic or pessimistic you are. While there are many situations that are out of our control, optimists always look on the bright side of things and tend to believe that most situations, no matter how difficult they may initially be, work out for the better in the end.

One given in life is that everyone will inevitably face challenges. But instead of letting those experiences undermine everything you do, look at them as temporary setbacks that can be overcome.

Your mental outlook on life can affect your physical health more than you realize. In fact, studies have correlated optimistic people with having better immune systems and to psychological wellbeing.

You've heard that line, "Is your glass half-empty or half-full?" Well, your experiences in life really do come down to your perspective. The first step to being a more optimistic person is to make a conscious effort to make the most of what life offers. Secondly, realize that the past doesn't equal the future. Third, accept pain, failure and disappointment as part of life — not the entirety of it. Finally, be grateful for the good things that occur and acknowledge them.

Researchers have found that, aside from having an optimistic personality, happy people also tend to have high self-esteem, an outgoing personality, close friendships or a satisfying marriage, work and leisure that engages their skills and meaningful religious faith.

Since most people derive great pleasure from participating in mentally engaging activities, it's no wonder people who volunteer derive a great sense of satisfaction from it. Getting out and helping others is, it seems, a win-win situation.

Economy taking a turn for the better

It seems that the light at the end of what has felt like a never-ending tunnel of global economic doom and gloom is getting brighter. After months and months, the economy looks to be taking a turn for the better.

Not only is the loonie rising, narrowing the gap between the U.S. and Canadian currencies, but the housing market, especially in Toronto and Vancouver, is in positive territory. In fact, Toronto house sales for the first two weeks in May were up three per cent from the same period last year.

Real estate experts attribute the upturn to first-time buyers who are stepping back into the housing market due to lower prices and interest rates, which in turn, is having a domino effect and strengthening the overall housing market. While nobody can be absolutely certain, many leading economists predict that the recession will end in the second half of 2009, which is just around the corner and one big reason to smile.

'Packbacks' and a dream

He's been called an everyday hero and an inspiration. But no matter how he's described, Stephen McPhee — an autistic eight-year-old from Airdrie, Alta. – is proof that anyone can improve the lives of others by following their heart.

Two years ago, Stephen, who was six at the time, was saddened to learn there were kids living on the streets. He resolved to help them. That Christmas, he amassed 15 backpacks, or "packbacks" as he called them, filled them with toys, books and mittens and donated them to a local charity.

The following year, Stephen rallied his local community to pitch in, and they did, packing nearly 300 backpacks with books, clothing, toys and hygiene products. Last Christmas, the number of backpacks donated ballooned to an astonishing 1,000.

Last year, Stephen, whose initiative is called Stephen's Backpack Society, was named a 2008 Great Kids Award Winner by the Government of Alberta in recognition of his generosity, compassion, courage and strong spirit. "Stephen brings a ray of hope to those experiencing difficulties in life," says his mother, Nancy. "He shows how a child can do anything."

Have some budget-friendly fun this summer

With summer just around the corner, family vacation plans are on many people's minds. This year, why not hit the open road with the whole brood. Not only is a road trip a budget-conscious way to take a family holiday, but it's a terrific opportunity to really see Canada up close.

Before your trip, hold a family-planning session to get everybody excited about the upcoming adventure. Pour over guides together and talk about the various places on your mapped-out route that would appeal to the whole clan.

Once departure day arrives, designate the front passenger seat the "navigator's chair," and during the course of the trip let everyone have a seat in it — even if it's just for a few minutes — so everyone feels included.

Road trips provide the perfect opportunity to talk about family history, so think of creative ways to share family lore. There will be the inevitable "are we there yet?" questions, but in the end, your entire family will have memories to last a lifetime.

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Bowie's son taking off with sci-fi film Moon

Forty years after David Bowie released his breakthrough single Space Oddity, his filmmaking son is headed for the stars with his first feature.

Moon, a $5 million sci-fi thriller that opened Friday in New York and Los Angeles via Sony Pictures Classics, recalls films of the '70s and '80s like Silent Running, Outland and Alien, not to mention Stanley Kubrick's 1968 epic 2001: A Space Odyssey.

It was directed by Duncan Jones, Bowie's 38-year-old son with ex-wife Angela. They originally named him Zowie, but he preferred to be called Joe while in his teens and then settled for Duncan. A graduate of the London Film School, he has carved out a career in Britain as a commercials director.

In Moon, Sam Rockwell plays an astronaut finishing a three-year contract to mine lunar helium to ship to Earth for energy use. The plot thickens when he meets a younger, angrier clone of himself who's there to do the same job.

Jones created the story specifically for Rockwell, who plays both roles seamlessly.

"I met up with Sam to discuss another project that we ended up not doing, but we got on very well," Jones recalled.

They talked about films they both loved and the kind of performances Rockwell wanted to do next. What really resonated was "the idea of those blue-collar guys back in those old science-fiction films." Jones to Rockwell: "Look, if you promise to read the script, I'll write something for you."

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Actor Sam Rockwell, left, and director Duncan Jones attend the Tribeca Film Festival 2009.

"Look, if you promise to read the script, I'll write something for you." Filmmaker Duncan Jones to actor Sam Rockwell

Jones did an extensive treatment, but was too busy shooting commercials to write the screenplay. Enter Nathan Parker, an unproduced screenwriter, who "took my treatment and did a really good job with it." Jones wrote the subsequent drafts.

That was about three years ago. After nine months Jones had a script for Rockwell. Three months passed before Rockwell committed.

From Day One Jones had a $5 million budget in mind for his voyage to the moon: "We were thinking about how we could keep our costs to a minimum by keeping our cast small, by shooting everything in studio and by using very specific special effects."

Everything went lightning fast. There were just 33 days of live-action photography despite the film having more than 450 effects shots and many scenes that had to be shot twice so Rockwell could play his other self. Model miniature work required another eight days.

Gerty, the other key role, is a lunar station computer voiced by Kevin Spacey. Jones had a good offline cut of Moon with temporary special effects when shooting ended. He screened it for Spacey, who was so taken with Rockwell's performance that he came onboard for a half-day of recording.

The film premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in January, and reaches theaters with overwhelming critical support. Joe Morgenstern at the Wall Street Journal cited Rockwell's "brilliant" performance and the "impressive"physical production.

Next up for Jones is Mute, a futuristic companion piece to Moon set in Berlin. The new film "is going to be a much busier and in some ways more commercial thriller," Jones explained.

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Waxing on the glamour

HOLLYWOOD Madame Tussauds is preparing to open its latest wax museum in the tourist mecca this summer.

The $55 million complex, featuring more than 100 celebrity waxworks spread across three floors, is the biggest attraction to join the teeming thoroughfare in years. It also represents the latest attempt to restore some glamour to the faded area, whose 10 million annual visitors make it one of the world's busiest tourist attractions.

A decade ago, the area was much worse and gang-related crime was rampant. But since 2000, $700 million of public money has been poured into the area, which in turn has attracted $5.5 billion of private investment, according to city officials. Madame Tussauds will attempt to depict Hollywood's glamorous side when it opens on Aug. 1.

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A wax figure of actress Jennifer Lopez.

In brief

TOUR The Black Eyed Peas are "trying to up our game" for the pop/hip-hop group's headlining tour, according to Fergie. The Peas' female member tells Billboard.com that she and her bandmates will begin rehearsals for the headline portion of their tour later this summer, after a run of festival appearances in North America and Europe. The group's new album, The E.N.D., has spawned a megahit in its lead single, Boom Boom Pow, which has topped the Billboard Hot 100 for 10 consecutive weeks. "It's going to be the biggest tour, production-wise, that we've ever done. We're actually planing for that now, which we've never done before — actually plan for a tour," Fergie tells the website.

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Court gives Madonna Mercy, father drops fight

The father of a Malawian girl being adopted by Madonna says he has dropped his fight to get the child back and has urged the U.S. pop star to take good care of her.

Malawi's Supreme Court on Friday approved Madonna's application to adopt a second child from the country, overturning a lower court ruling.

James Kambewa, the father of 4-year-old Mercy James, originally said he opposed the adoption.

However, he told Reuters on Saturday he had decided not to fight the case, asking only that Mercy be brought up knowing he was her biological father.

"Let the child go … My only plea to Madonna is that she should seriously look after the child," he said in an interview.

"I am asking Madonna to make sure that, while the child is growing, she must be informed of me as her biological father … she really must know that while she is far away the father is still alive."

A Malawian court ruled in April that Madonna could not adopt Mercy because she was not a resident of the southern African country.

The Supreme Court overturned that decision, saying the child, who has been living in an orphanage, would have a better life with the singer. She never lived with Kambewa.

"Let the child go … My only plea to Madonna is that she should seriously look after the child."
James Kambewa, Mercy's biological father

"When the child was born I was never told," he said.

According to tradition in southern Malawi, where Kambewa lives, a grandmother has more say in a child's future than the father. When Mercy's mother died Kambewa was powerless to stop his daughter being sent to an orphanage when she was three days old.

An AIDS epidemic in Malawi has orphaned more than one million children and Madonna has set up a children's charity.

Chief Justice Lovemore Munlo said the singer had shown an interest in helping Malawi orphans and that Mercy would have a better life with her.

"Madonna has shown that she is bold, and compassionate enough to come forward to adopt Chifundo James," he said. In a statement Madonna said: "I am ecstatic … My family and I look forward to sharing our lives with her."

The government came under fire in 2006 after Madonna, who has supported orphans in the country through her Raising Malawi charity, adopted 13-month-old David Banda.

Rights groups have accused the government of giving Madonna special treatment by skirting laws preventing non-residents from adopting children.

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BookPicks

The East, the West and Sex

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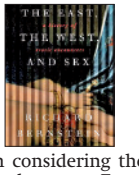

When considering the dynamic between East and West, we typically think of political, economic — and increasingly, religious — factors. But Richard Bernstein's new historical account explores global relations of another kind. Sex, maintains Bernstein, has been a great source of both suffering and satisfaction for those Eastern women who have been on the receiving end of Western men's pursuits. From popular figures such as Marco Polo and Gustave Flaubert, to lesser-known men who have shared their own exploits, Bernstein examines the impact of inter-hemispheric erotic encounters.

Relentless

Author: Dean Koontz
Publisher: Bantam Books
Price: $32 (Hardcover)

The adage, "We are our own worst critics," seems to have been lost on Cullen "Cubby" Greenwich. The author not only lives an idyllic life with his loving wife Penny, son Milo and dog Lassie; but he also enjoys a career that affords him personal fulfillment and a public profile. That is, until the book critic at the country's top newspaper tears his latest work apart. Cubby aims to ignore the vitriolic review, but an encounter with the critic at a restaurant changes his outlook. However, having stirred the reclusive reviewer, Cubby finds that he's being terrorized by a sociopath, putting his family in danger.

Shanghai Girls

Author: Lisa See
Publisher: Random House
Price: $28.95 (Hardcover)

Sisters Pearl and May Chin are living the high life in 1937 Shanghai. Then a place of elegance and excess, the city is the backdrop for the girls' upbringing as they revel in their father's money. But when he loses the family fortune, Pearl and May are forced to leave home and be sold to prospective husbands. Having gone from riches to rags and living amidst Second World War combat, the sisters manage to escape China, landing outside Hollywood in Los Angeles. Lucky to be alive, the women must learn to adapt to a new country with husbands not of their choosing while battling Communist stereotypes.

— BRIAN COULTON/ FOR METRO CANADA

Kylie the Catholic?

Reportedly set to marry Spanish model Andres Valencoso, Kylie Minogue may convert to Catholicism for the ceremony. A source said: "Kylie is so intent on including the traditional aspects of a Catholic mass that she's thinking of converting." FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Celebrity Buzz

Miley rebounds with ex Nick?

TOGETHER AGAIN? Less than a week after Miley Cyrus split from model Justin Gaston, the star admits that she has "reconnected" with ex-boyfriend, Nick Jonas, people.com reports.

"He's my best friend, and we still hang out all the time, and we've definitely reconnected," the Hannah Montana star told a Tennessee radio station on Friday. "We don't know what's going to happen in the future, but right now we're just kicking it and hanging out as much as we can."

The pair, both 16, was spotted on June 9, jet-skiing together on Tybee Island, where Cyrus is filming her new movie The Last Song. "They looked like they were having a blast," says an observer.

When asked about the excursion during her interview, Cyrus said "no comment" but mentioned, "I'm a jet ski demon!"

Cyrus and Jonas broke up in December 2007, after which "I bawled for a month straight," Cyrus told Seventeen magazine. But the two recently reunited when they collaborated on a duet with the Jonas Brothers and worked on the Disney's Friends for Change campaign.

"We both just kind of saw each other again and kind of decided this whole thing was stupid and ... we all were over the separation," Cyrus said on-air. "And our families are super happy that we're hanging out again." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Coming out 'liberating'

IDENTITY American Idol runner-up Adam Lambert doesn't have any regrets about coming out in the new issue of Rolling Stone, usmagazine.com reports.

"I'm really happy with it. The cover looks great. It was great working with (photographer) Matthew Rolston," he told the website. "And the title — 'The Liberation of Adam Lambert' — I do feel liberated. I feel like a weight has been lifted off my shoulders."

The 27-year-old told Rolling Stone he never declared his sexual orientation on Idol because he felt it would have been "so sensationalized that it would overshadow what I was there to do, which was sing.

"It's not like I was holding back before," he told Us. "I was being myself, but it's nice to have everything out in the open." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Susan will sing ... for $212,360

CASH GRAB Britain's Got Talent phenom Susan Boyle is set to cash in on her fame by reportedly charging a whopping £115,000 ($212,360) to play 12-minute sets at corporate events around the world, popeater.com reports.

An email from the singer's agent, sent to a possible client, dropped the large figure, which would get the client three songs.

"She's the biggest star to have come out of Britain's Got Talent, so her price to sing reflects that," a source close to the singer told the News of the World. "These fees mean it will take 10 dates for her to make a million pounds, which is unprecedented for a reality-show winner." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Jennifer hopes life imitates art

TOO HONEST Jennifer Aniston has a plan for achieving a future without love life complications — and it's all in her choice of movie titles, people.com reports.

On stage to accept the Women In Film's Crystal Award for expanding the role of women in the entertainment industry, Aniston pointed out that her personal fortunes over the past several years have been reflected in the titles of her films.

"I'm trying to be more careful than I have been in the past about the titles of movies that I choose to be in," she revealed. "It's funny — I kind of noticed something a couple years ago that there seemed to be this strange parallel to the movies I was doing and my life off screen."

"It started with, well, The Good Girl," Aniston explained. "Then that evolved into Rumor Has It, followed by Derailed, and then there was The Breakup. And then on the lighter side was Friends with Money, which I felt was a bit on the nose."

"So if any of you have a project titled Everlasting Love with an Adult, Stable Male...," she concluded. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Lily desperate for love?

PERMA-SINGLE Lily Allen is desperate for a boyfriend, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer — whose latest relationship with art dealer Jay Jopling ended after a month — hates attending showbiz parties alone and has begged friends to set her up with a new man.

A source said: "Lily hates being single — she needs a man in her life ... She wants someone to hold her hand for all the red-carpet events she attends. "She's even been asking friends to set her up on dates. She can't seem to meet anyone, and it's making her miserable." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Why the fat obsession, Nia asks

RANT Nia Vardalos says it doesn't matter that she's written and starred in a few blockbusters — all people ask her about is her slimmed-down shape, usmagazine.com reports.

"It's just weight. Just 40 pounds of fat now gone from my body, but wow, it's pretty much all I get asked about. In the last year, I got to star in a movie, wrote and directed my next one, and adopted a three-year-old from American Foster Care. But guess what I'm asked... how did I lose the weight?" the My Life in Ruins actress, 46, wrote on CNN's AC360 Blog.

"I thought I was attractive when I shot My Big Fat Greek Wedding. Studio executives and movie reviewers let me know I had a confidence in my looks that was not shared by them," she says. "In other words, they labelled me with words like: Overweight, unattractive, unappealing.

"Hey, just say fat. I love the word fat. I used it in the title," she goes on. "It's actually not a naughty word. We give it a power it actually doesn't have. So, you're fat. Big deal." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Pete in legal trouble again

UH OH Rocker Pete Doherty was back before a judge again, after allegedly leading cops on a wild late-night chase in the U.K.

Doherty denied a charge of dangerous driving but pleaded guilty to two counts of possession of class A drugs and driving without a licence and insurance, according to the Daily Star. He reportedly "whooped" when he was granted bail. METRO WORLD NEWS

Baldwin house in foreclosure?

FINANCIAL WOES While he's in Costa Rica shooting I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here, Stephen Baldwin is facing foreclosure on his house, according to the Associated Press. Baldwin and his wife owe more than $824,000 US in mortgage payments. Their Rockland County, N.Y., home will be auctioned off to the highest bidder on June 24. METRO WORLD NEWS

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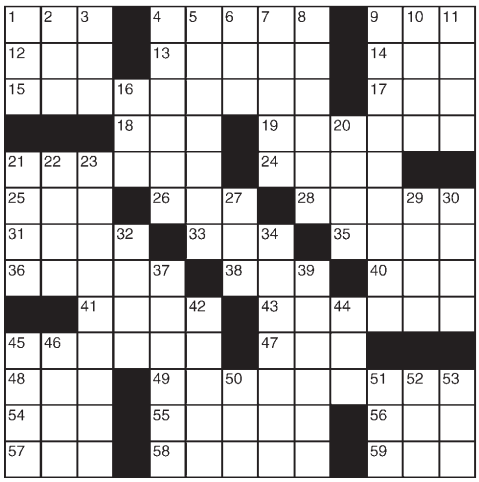

Crossword across

1 "Slippery" tree
4 Regions
9 Pismire
12 Vast expanse
13 Ballroom favourite
14 Actress Myrna
15 Letter from the Vatican
17 Cleopatra's slayer
18 Floral garland
19 Undeveloped stage
21 Reacted in horror
24 Leeway
25 "Uh-huh"
26 Thickness
28 Dynamite inventor Alfred
31 Disposition
33 Formal 25-Across
35 "I never — man I didn't like"
36 Porcine sniffer
38 Pen point
40 Varnish ingredient
41 Small salamander
43 In a whimsical way
45 IOU signer
47 Listener
48 Swiss canton
49 Sandbox toy, maybe
54 Zero
55 Mohammedanism
56 Pod denizen
57 Kenan's co-star on Nickelodeon
58 Autocrats
59 Upper surface

Crossword down

1 Kreskin's claim
2 Meadow
3 Orienteering aid
4 Dormant
5 With great intensity
6 Ostrich's cousin
7 More skilled
8 Canned fish
9 Warning signal
10 Too curious
11 Error in print
16 Matterhorn, for one
20 Prosperous time
21 Workout venues
22 Charlize Theron film, "— Flux"
23 Ibis' kin
27 Hankering
29 Handy Latin abbr.
30 Frilly
32 Song for two
34 Motorcycle attachment
37 Cheap
39 Lullaby composer
42 Lock of hair
44 Sphere
45 Basketball tactic
46 A Great Lake
50 Chicken — king
51 Suitable
52 Zodiac sign
53 Once around the track

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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A	D	I	O	S	■	V	I	I	■	N	T	H
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9	2	1	6	8	7	5	3	4

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13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Chicken with Mixed Salad Greens

INGREDIENTS:

2 skinless chicken breast fillets
1 large clove garlic, crushed
1 head oak leaf lettuce
1 small head curly endive (frisée) lettuce
1 head radicchio
2 tbsp (25 ml) butter
salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 small lemon
3 scallions, finely sliced
8 oz (250 g) button mushrooms, thinly sliced

DRESSING:

1/2 cup (125 g/4 oz) light sour cream
1/2 cup (125 g/4 oz) yogurt
1 tbsp (15 ml) canola oil
1 tbsp (15 ml) white wine vinegar
1 tsp (5 ml) Dijon mustard
salt and freshly ground black pepper

METHOD:

1. Cut chicken into strips. Place chicken and garlic in bowl. Stir to combine. Chill, covered, 1 hour. Cut or tear oak leaf lettuce, curly endive and radicchio into small pieces. Place in a large bowl.
2. Heat butter in nonstick pan over medium heat. Cook chicken until golden brown and cooked through, about 5 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste.
3. For dressing, whisk sour cream, yogurt, oil, vinegar and mustard in bowl until combined. Add salt and pepper to taste. Stir dressing into salad greens. Distribute salad greens among serving plates.
4. Peel thin strips of rind from lemon. Place chicken, scallions, mushrooms and lemon rind on top of salad greens.

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
There is a lot of tension in your life now and you need to find a constructive way to let it out. Get together with like-minded friends and let off steam.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A high-ranking individual will give you a hard time today. They may not be entirely fair in their criticisms but you are advised not to respond in kind.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Jupiter in one of the more decisive areas of your chart endows you with lots of enthusiasm but be sensible about what you can do. Don't strive too hard.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
There is no point trying to keep disturbing information from loved ones and relatives today. One way or another they will find out soon enough.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You will need to be a lot more flexible where relationships are concerned this week. What you get will depend on what you are prepared to give.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
If you learn from mistakes, this week should be fun and profitable. While others refuse to change their ways you will be quietly moving with the times.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Jupiter in your fellow air sign of Aquarius endows you with limitless self-confidence, but you would be wise not to get carried away.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You may be tempted to criticize someone, but the planets advise strongly that you bite your tongue and keep your thoughts to yourself.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
What was such a big mystery to you yesterday will seem perfectly obvious today. How you got so confused is anyone's guess, but don't dwell on it.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
It's OK to be outspoken but don't go too far and say things that turn important people against you — even if what you say is entirely true.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Your lucky streak is not coming to an end, but you do need to be more selective when choosing friends and business partners.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You're not in control of a particular situation but you're determined not to let others know. Why? No one expects you to be on top of everything.

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3. Most excellent school exam (1)
4. Bout victor's tented areas (1)
5. Loosely hang a slip-on bracelet (2)
6. More curmudgeonly poor golfer (2)
7. Petty quarreling tittering (3)

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